

REMARKS

Each of the objections and rejections of the Office Action will be responded to below.

a. Response to Claim Objections

Claims 1-9 and 17-19 were objected to because of a misspelling of the word - - tarp - - in claim 1.

Claims 1-9 and 17-19 have been cancelled by the present Amendment, thus obviating the objection.

b. Response to Claim Rejections

Claims 1-9, 17-19, 21 and 25 were rejected under 35 USC §102 and §103.

In response, the foregoing of claims have been cancelled without prejudice, thereby obviating the rejections.

c. Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 23 was allowed.

The present Amendment has cancelled the other claims, so that claim 23 is the only claim remaining in the application. It is therefore believed that the remaining claim is in condition for allowance.

d. Entry of Amendment After Final Rejection

For reasons explained above, is believed that the present Amendment places the Application is condition for allowance. Entry of this Amendment after Final Rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

e. Conclusion

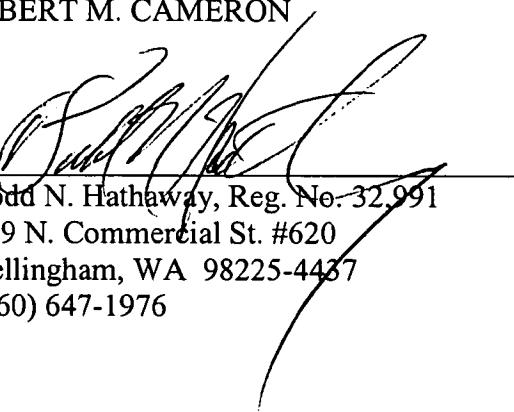
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein. It is believed that the above-referenced claims are now in condition for allowance. If there is any matter that can be expedited by consultation with Applicants' attorney, such would be welcome. Applicants' attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number given below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this 18th day of May 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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